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German Patent No. DE 36 04 415, Thomas Caro, was characterized by the Examiner in the Search Report as an "A" document which the Examiner considered to define the general state of the art which the Examiner did not consider to be of particular relevance to the invention claimed in claim 1, 2 and 11 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/05011.

German Patent No. DE 28 37 067, Kyorin Seiyaku K.K., was characterized by the Examiner in the Search Report as an "A" document which the Examiner considered to define the general state of the art which the Examiner did not consider to be of particular relevance to the invention claimed in claim 1, 7, 9 and 10 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/05011.

The above-identified documents are also listed on the attached List of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) for the convenience of the Examiner's consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and officially make these documents of record in the above-identified application. In so doing, the Examiner is requested to initial the space adjacent the listing of each of these references on the List Of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) and to return a copy of the initialed List Of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) with the next official communication mailed in connection with the above-identified application.

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For: **METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF HYDROLYTICALLY BROKEN DOWN AND POSSIBLY SUBSTITUTED STARCH, USE OF HYDROLYTICALLY BROKEN DOWN STARCH AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the following documents are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned application.

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)/Applicant</u>
DE 29 30 614	A.P.V. CO. LTD
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The above-identified documents were cited in an International Search Report dated December 16, 1998 received in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/05011, filed August 8, 1998. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Copies of the above-identified documents are not being submitted at this time.

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